

PURPOSE/OVERVIEW

The Commonwealth of Virginia seeks to demonstrate that childhood hunger among school-aged children can be eliminated by ensuring that children have access to healthy meals where they live, learn, and play 365 days a year. Student achievement and behavior improves when students are well nourished and ready to learn. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and its partners in school divisions, state agencies and community organizations are striving to develop innovative models to end childhood hunger in Virginia.

GOALS

- 1) **To end childhood hunger in participating areas by 2018.**
- 2) **To nourish a student's mind and body so they can excel and have improved school performance.**
- 3) **To be the nation's leader in ending childhood hunger through partnerships, collaboration and innovative service delivery.**

For more information about School Nutrition in Virginia please visit www.doe.virginia.gov/support/nutrition.

VIRGINIA PROJECT 365

To END Childhood HUNGER

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PARTNERS

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Virginia Department of Social Services
Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
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HOW IT WILL WORK

The Virginia 365 Project to End Childhood Hunger will consist of the following components:

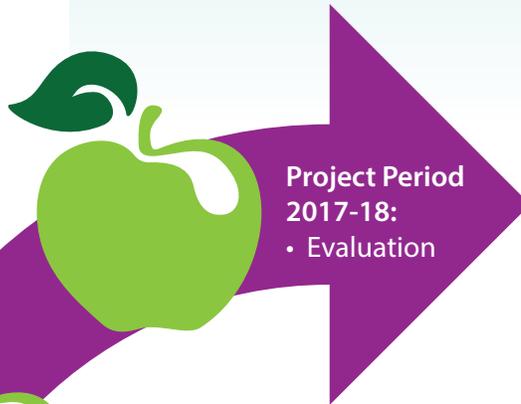
3 Meals a day provided to students, including the supper meal at the school site

6 Objectives:

- To provide three meals a day to children at school during the week.
- To provide food for weekends/ school breaks via a backpack program.
- To provide an enhanced summer benefit to eligible families.
- To teach parents/guardians how to shop for and cook healthy food on a limited budget.
- To conduct an evaluation of the project through a partnership with Mathematica Policy Research.
- To market and promote the efforts of the project.

5 Healthy components:

Fruits; Vegetables; Grains; Meats/Meat Alternates; and Milk



Project Period
2017-18:
• Evaluation

School Years 2016-17 and 2017-18:

- Breakfast, Lunch, End-of-Day Meals
- Backpack Program (*Backpacks for year two will be provided based on available funding.*)
- Nutrition Education

Summer 2016:

- Enhanced summer benefit for eligible families

School Year 2015-16:

- Planning period
- Partner meetings



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